

**From:** [Schuster, Cindy](#)  
**To:** [Robinson, Deborah](#)  
**Cc:** [Schuster, Cindy](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Response to Rep. Blumenauer inquiry on Portland Harbor  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 29, 2015 1:05:50 PM

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**From:** Schuster, Cindy  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 3:37 PM  
**To:** Brumfield, Liv  
**Cc:** Schuster, Cindy  
**Subject:** RE: Response to Rep. Blumenauer inquiry on Portland Harbor  
[You're welcome, Liv.--Cindy](#)

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**From:** Brumfield, Liv [<mailto:Liv.Brumfield@mail.house.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 3:36 PM  
**To:** Schuster, Cindy  
**Cc:** Barber, Anthony; Holsman, Marianne  
**Subject:** Re: Response to Rep. Blumenauer inquiry on Portland Harbor  
[Thanks for the responses, Cindy. I appreciate your timely follow-up!](#)

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**From:** Schuster, Cindy [<mailto:Schuster.Cindy@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 06:29 PM  
**To:** Brumfield, Liv  
**Cc:** Barber, Anthony <[Barber.Anthony@epa.gov](mailto:Barber.Anthony@epa.gov)>; Holsman, Marianne <[Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov](mailto:Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov)>; Schuster, Cindy <[Schuster.Cindy@epa.gov](mailto:Schuster.Cindy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Response to Rep. Blumenauer inquiry on Portland Harbor  
[Hello Liv,](#)  
[It was nice talking to you this afternoon. I am responding to the question that you asked about whether EPA shared the feasibility study sections 3 and 4 with the community advisory group. I confirmed that EPA shared them with the group in July and August, respectively.](#)  
[With my regards,](#)  
[Cindy](#)

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**From:** Schuster, Cindy  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2015 11:40 AM  
**To:** (Blumenauer) Liv Brumfield  
**Cc:** Barber, Anthony; Holsman, Marianne; Schuster, Cindy  
**Subject:** Response to Rep. Blumenauer inquiry on Portland Harbor  
[Hello Liv,](#)

This is in response to your telephone inquiry last Friday, September 25, about whether EPA made an announcement about Portland Harbor and what EPA said to the community advisory group and the tribes. Below is a link to the article in *The Oregonian* by EPA Region 10 Administrator Dennis McLerran, and below that is the text of a message that EPA sent to the community advisory group and to the tribes on September 18.

I will also call you about this.

With my regards,

Cindy

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[http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2015/09/lower\\_willamette\\_will\\_be\\_clean.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2015/09/lower_willamette_will_be_clean.html)

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*The focus of the Portland Harbor cleanup will be on those areas that have the highest levels of toxic and persistent contaminants and whose cleanup will have the most impact on reducing risks to human health and the environment. EPA believes the best cleanup approach is one that sufficiently reduces risk in the areas where contamination is highest to allow for MNR to achieve cleanup levels in a reasonable time frame. Risk reduction predictions over a long period of time, through modelling, are complex and uncertain. To help inform the best balance among active remediation, cost, and MNR, EPA is conducting further evaluation, including but not limited to, the following areas:*

*o MNR effectiveness*

- *Long Term Modeling Projections*
- *Changes in bathymetry (underwater depth, due to sediment deposition and erosion)*
- *Contaminant concentration trends in smallmouth bass (a small home-range fish)*

*o In-situ and ex-situ treatment technology assumptions*

*o Combination of alternatives to achieve greater risk reduction cost-effectively at construction complete*

- *Focus on hot spot areas (Sediment Decision Units (SDUs))*
- *Apply and evaluate different alternatives in each SDU*
- *Evaluate the need for construction activities outside SDUs*
- *Minimize long term restrictions in the river*

*We encourage our partners and key stakeholders to provide the NRRB and CSTAG, in writing, up to 40 pages, any technical issues pertinent to the cleanup decision, including the rationale and any recommended approach for site cleanup. The partners and key stakeholders should provide their input by October 19, 2015, directly to Kristine Koch, Remedial Project Manager at EPA Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue, suite 900, Seattle, Washington 98101.*

*The NRRB and CSTAG will consider the input during their joint review. The EPA will consider the advisory recommendations from the NRRB and CSTAG in developing EPA's preferred*

*alternative. EPA plans to release its Proposed Plan identifying the Preferred Alternative in spring 2016, and will solicit formal public comment, pursuant to the National Contingency Plan. EPA will evaluate the comments received, make appropriate changes and select the final remedy in the Record of Decision.*

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